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**TWELVE CHARTER QUESTIONS TO APPEAR ON NOVEMBER
BALLOT**

Voters will decide on affordable housing funds, curbside recycling, and other topics

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The 2005-2006 Honolulu City Charter Commission has decided on twelve questions regarding changes to the City Charter. The charter questions will appear on the November 7, 2006 General Election ballot and are attached below.

To promote public awareness of the proposed charter amendments, Commissioners and staff welcome the opportunity to give presentations to organizations and interviews to media. Please contact the Charter Commission at 592-8622 or charter@honolulu.gov to schedule a presentation.

CHARTER QUESTION #1

Should City Council term limits be replaced by Alternative A or B below; and, separately, to address concerns relating to election of City Council members caused by reapportionment every ten years, should staggered terms be replaced by Alternative A or B below?

*Vote **YES** or **NO***

CHARTER QUESTION #2

If Charter Question 1 is approved, which proposal relating to Councilmember terms should be adopted?

- ALTERNATIVE A. Term limits for Councilmembers and the staggering of Councilmembers' terms shall be eliminated.
- ALTERNATIVE B. Councilmembers shall be limited to serving a maximum of three consecutive four-year terms, and the staggering of Councilmember terms shall be eliminated.

Vote A or B

CHARTER QUESTION #3

Should one percent of annual property tax revenues be appropriated to funds for land conservation and affordable housing?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #4

Should the powers, duties, and functions of the Director of Environmental Services include comprehensive curbside recycling?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #5

Should the Ethics Commission have the authority to impose civil fines on elected officers for ethics violations?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #6

Should races with only two candidates be held in the General Election instead of the Primary Election?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #7

Should the City Council's power to reject Salary Commission recommendations be eliminated?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #8

Should one of the priorities of the Department of Transportation Services be to make Honolulu a pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly city, and should the powers, duties, and functions of the Director of Transportation Services include bikeway systems?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #9

Should the Liquor Administrator, Deputy Administrator, and secretary be exempt from civil service provisions?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #10

Should the Charter be amended to state the additional services currently being provided by the Director of Emergency Services and by the Fire Chief?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #11

Should capital budget appropriations lapse 12 months after the fiscal year, instead of the current 6 months?

Vote YES or NO

CHARTER QUESTION #12

Should the Charter be amended to also provide public notice by electronic medium and for housekeeping amendments (i) to conform to current functions and operation, (ii) to conform to legal requirements, (iii) to correct an inadvertent omission, and (iv) for clarity?

- (a) Revise the powers, duties, and functions of the Director of Information Technology;
- (b) Include the Director of Customer Services in the list of department heads to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and may be removed by the Mayor;
- (c) Include the reference to the Hawaii Constitution prohibition on Ethics Commission members from taking active part in political campaigns;
- (d) Delete the unconstitutional prohibition on political campaigning by Police Department employees;
- (e) Delete the Civil Defense Administrator from the list of department heads to be appointed by the Mayor with the advice and consent of the Council and who may be removed by the Mayor;
- (f) Delete the requirement of Social Security numbers on petitions for recall, ordinances by initiative, and charter amendments;
- (g) Require public notices to also be distributed via electronic medium.

Vote YES or NO

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